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Dear Mr. Kohler:

I refer to your proposed memorandum to the Secretary of State on the resumption of high altitude flights in the Berlin corridors, a copy of which was furnished the Department of Defense for concurrence. Para 2 and 3 particularly of your memorandum were considered by the Joint Chiefs of Staff and found to be acceptable from the military point of view. The Joint Chiefs of Staff additionally expressed the following views:

- They may wish to make additional technical comments on your proposal after receipt of the views of USCINCPAC;
- They are concerned that full measures be taken to insure that voluntary action of the allies in no way establishes specific rights for the USSR in any designated air space in the corridor.

The Department of Defense agrees with the views of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and concurs in your proposal.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Robert H. Knight

Acting Assistant Secretary

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